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SUBJECT: ROMANIA: BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING.
AMENDING INTERIM ARRANGEMENT. FURNISHED TO ROMANIANS
BY TEXTILE DEL ON MARCH 23: BEGIN TEXT:

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVING MET
IN BUCHAREST MARCH 21 TO MARCH 23, 1977 HAVE AGREED TO
AMEND THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENT REGARDING TRADE IN CERTAIN
TEXTILE PRODUCTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA AS FOLLOWS:

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
ROMANIA WILL LIMIT ITS SHIPMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA IN CATEGORY 237 AND CATEGORY 120 TO 131,000
UNITS FROM JANUARY 1, 1977 TO MAY 31, 1977. OF THIS
AMOUNT OF 131,000 UNITS, NOT MORE THAN 101,000 UNITS
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SHALL BE IN CATEGORY 237 AND NOT MORE THAN 30,000 UNITS
SHALL BE IN CATEGORY 120.

THE TWO GOVERNMENTS FURTHER AGREE TO MEET
BEFORE APRIL 30, 1977 TO NEGOTIATE AND CONCLUDE ON
MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TERMS A MORE COMPREHENSIVE, LONGER
TERM AGREEMENT CONSISTENT WITH THE BASIC OBJECTIVES

AND PRINCIPLES OF THE MULTIFIBER TEXTILE ARRANGEMENT.

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS MEMORANDUM WILL BE
EFFECTED BY EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES AS QUICKLY AS
POSSIBLE.

END TEXT

2. ROMANIANS EXPRESSED DESIRE THAT INTERIM ARRANGEMENT
BE EXTENDED ON PRO RATA BASIS. U.S. COULD NOT AGREE
BECAUSE A PRO RATA EXTENSION WOULD, FOR CATEGORY 237.
EXCEED THE ARTICLE 3 LEVEL. THE U.S. PROPOSED THAT,
FOR THE ONE MONTH EXTENSION, UP TO FIVE PERCENT SWING
(FYI: PERMISSIBLE UNDER PARA 5 ANNEX B) MAY BE APPLIED
TO CATEGORY 237 FROM CATEGORY 120. THIS WOULD BRING
CATEGORY 237 TO WITHIN 200 UNITS OF THE LEVEL BY PRO-
RATION. TEXTILE DEL BELIEVES THAT THIS COULD BE ACCOM-
PLISHED BY ADDING FOLLOWING SENTENCE (WHICH HAS NOT RPT
NOT BEEN SUGGESTED TO ROMANIANS) AT END OF SECOND PARA-
GRAPH OF DRAFT MEMO: BEGIN TEXT:

THE LIMIT FOR CATEGORY 237 MAY BE EXCEED BY UP
TO FIVE PERCENT (5050 UNITS) BY APPLYING TO IT
AN EQUAL UNUSED AMOUNT OF THE LIMIT FOR
CATEGORY 120.

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3. ROMANIANS SAID THEY WOULD REFER PROPOSED MEMORANDUM
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TO A HIGHER LEVEL AND WOULD CONTACT U.S. ASAP THROUGH
U.S. EMBASSY BUCHAREST.

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